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Ms. Guissinger is an economic development consultant based in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. As Vice President of the Louisiana Partnership for Technology & Innovation, she served as project manager for the Louisiana part of the TEAM DelTA project. In her 12 years with the Partnership, Ms. Guissinger's work focused on technology policy and on providing market research and business and strategic planning assistance to small, technology-based companies. She assisted the Louisiana Economic Development Council and the Louisiana Department of Economic Development in the preparation of Louisiana's strategic economic development plan, *Louisiana: Vision 2020* and subsequent annual action plans. Prior to the Partnership, Ms. Guissinger served as a research analyst with Gulf South Research Institute, where she worked in the areas of economic development and technology transfer, and conducted regional economic impact assessments and benefit-cost analyses.